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Hongkong, 4th March, 1882.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAILS.

O. and C. steamer *Arabic*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 28th August, and is due here on or about the 10th instant.

O. and C. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Despatch*, the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 31st August, and is due here about the 30th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Diomed* left Singapore on the morning of the 31st August, and is due on the 6th instant.

The Netherlands-Indian steamer *Wm. Macdonell* left Batavia on the 11th, and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published on each day in our Extra, which is always sent out a much later hour than that given in the ordinary Post-Office Notices.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

for Straits Settlements, Colombo, Bombay, Trieste.—*Per Vorwarts*, to-day, the 6th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

for Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.—*Per Varian*, to-day, the 6th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

for Hongkong.—*Per London Castle*, to-day, the 6th instant, at 3.30 p.m.

for Yokohama and Hongkong.—*Per Pembroke*, to-day, the 6th instant, at 5.00 p.m.

for Singapore.—*Per Remus*, to-morrow, the 7th instant, at 4.30 p.m.

for Saigon.—*Per Olympia*, on Saturday, the 7th instant, at 5.00 p.m.

for Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—*Per Maru*, on Friday, the 16th instant, at 4 p.m.

for Nagasaki and Yokohama.—*Bangalore*, on Friday, the 16th instant, at 4 p.m.

The English Mail packets will sail on the following dates:—

Monday,	September	the	15th
			29th
Tuesday,	October	"	17th
			31st
Wednesday,	November	"	14th
			25th

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE FOLLOWING HOURS ARE OBSERVED IN CLOSING MAILS, &c., BY THE BRITISH CONTRACT PACKETS:—

DAY OF DEPARTURE.

MONDAY.—Money Order Office closes.

TUESDAY.—Registry of Lettices ceases. Porting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

WEDNESDAY.—Mails closed, except for *Tale Letters*.

THURSDAY.—Letters may be posted with *late* loss of 10 cents each.

FRIDAY.—when the Post-Office ceases entirely.

SATURDAY.—Late Letters may be posted on board.

time of departure.

THE FRÉNOCH MAIL.

BEFORE DEPARTURE (on SATURDAY if the departure be on Monday).

Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always on at all office hours.

DAY OF DEPARTURE.

1. Post Office opens.

2. Registry of Letters closes. Posting of printed matter and patterns ceases.

3. Mail closes, except for Lata Letters.

4. A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee 10 cents until 10.

5. P.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee 10 cents until 4.

6. A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until one of departure.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

French Contract Packet "DIEU." will be despatched on THURSDAY, 27th September, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz: Naples, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, &c. &c. The east-bound mails to India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, are usual hours will be observed in closing mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

For a Mail to the British Contract Packet "DIEU," will be closed on FRIDAY, 28th instant, with Mails to and, through the office at Kingston and Europe via *Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, &c. &c. Also, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

3. This Packet carries no mails for the Malaccan Colonies.

LOCAL AND INDIAN PARCEL POST.

Parcels sent by Parcel Post from Hongkong to India, as well as to Japan, Macao, &c. of the Straits Settlements, and India, must not exceed the following dimensions, viz: 1 foot length, 1 foot breadth, and 6 inches depth, nor shall any one parcel be more than 2 1/2 in. thick, nor shall any one be smaller than 2 in. by 2 in. by 2 in. Such parcels may be wholly closed if they are to be sent by parcel post, or may be sent by special endorsement, Parcel, containing the name of the sender, and the name of the Postmaster General. In the Case of parcels for India a declaration of contents and weight is required, a printed form for which is obtainable from the Postmaster General. India is compulsory.

MAILS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States, they should be sent by the

as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to the letters in the ordinary way, marked the name of the slip, and prepaid 10 cents half ounce as usual. The Post Office then takes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is insisted that the letters be posted if possible at one day before the date fixed for sailing.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per 1 oz.	10 Cents
Cards, each	3 Cents
Rate, francs	

Papers, per 100 ... 5 Cents
 Letters, per 100 ... 5 Cents
 with return receipt ... 15 Cents.
 Commercial papers, such as papers as-
 signed to a writer having charge of a
 an actual or personal correspondence, such
 as invoices, deoids, copied music, &c. The charge
 is same as for Books, but all packets of and
 4 oz. weight are charged 5 Cents.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.
 Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-
 Commissioned Officers' Bandmasters Army
 and Navy. Non-Superintending or First
 Class Writers or Surgeons. Letters to and
 from letters to the United Kingdom by
 the rate of four cents (twopence) each,
 to be prepaid either in Imperial or in
 the Colonies stamps. On private steamers the
 rate is 2 cents (one penny).
 The same privileges apply to letters ad-
 dressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned
 Officers above.
 Private steamers leave HongKong for
 on about every ten days.

If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and position must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and designation, with name of regiment, ship, &c. must be stated in full.

Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges in regard to books or papers, nor can there be a search of their persons or baggage without a Warrant from the proper authorities.

For **Warrant Officers, viz.—**Conductor, Gun-

